

MINUTES OF 2004 ANNUAL MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Sevier River Water Users Association held at the Sevier County Courthouse, Richfield, Utah, Thursday, February 5, 2004 at 1:00 p.m.

Due, legal and timely notice having been given as required by law and the Order of the Board.

There were present the following Officers and Directors:

PRESENT:

Ivan Cowley, President-Sevier County
Kurt Sorenson, Vice-President-Sanpete County
Afton Blood, Director-Piute County
Clyde Bunker, Director-Millard County
Russell Christensen, Director-Sevier County
Blaine Ipson-Millard County
Delin Roundy -Garfield County
Dean S. Anderson, Secretary

ABSENT:

None

ALSO PRESENT:

Ray J. Owens, Upper Sevier River Commissioner
Jim Walker, Lower Sevier River Commissioner
Lee Sim, Division of Water Rights
John Larsen, Division of Water Rights
Kirk Forbush, Division of Water Rights

The meeting was called to order by Ivan Cowley who presided at the meeting. An opening prayer was given by Clyde Bunker.

The Secretary then read the minutes of the annual meeting of the Sevier River Water Users Association held on February 6, 2003. Upon a motion by Delin Roundy and second by Wayne Ballard, the minutes were approved as read.

President Cowley turned the floor over to Lee Sim from the Division of Water Rights who gave a report of the 2003 expenditures and receipts. Each person present was furnished with a copy.

Beginning Cash on Hand	44,555.11
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Assessment	165,524.31
Delinquent Penalties	769.60
Interest	<u>754.33</u>
Total Receipts	166,514.97
Expenses	176,706.00
Special	<u>2,062.97</u>
Total Expenses	178,768.97

Ending Cash on Hand

32,301.11

Lee Sim noted that Ray Owens had retired with his wife being hired as a deputy commissioner. The 2003 assessment was \$210,000 but only \$165,524 was collected due to an assessment being sent to the Central Utah Water Conservancy District. The regular assessments were sent out with \$39,000 less than they should be plus there were delinquent assessments of \$9,652.05.

The 2004 budget was presented and discussed. Ivan Cowley noted that we are installing a real-time station on Clear Creek and not replacing James Owens as a deputy commissioner. Vern Robison has been hired as a deputy commissioner in the Panquitch area. Paul Swallberg moved to approve the 2004 budget and assessment. The motion was seconded by Kurt Sorenson and passed unanimously.

Time was given to Commissioner Jim Walker who discussed the water supply for the lower river. Sevier Bridge Reservoir is at 40.69' which is 38,297 a.f. There is no hold over due to the draining of the reservoir. There was 2,052 a.f. beginning holdover on Oct. 1. So far there has been 36,245 a.f. of new storage made which is about 5,000 a.f. less than last year as of this date. The snow pack is better than last year. The primary should be better his year if the snow pack holds out. Jim will take care of the Sigurd station. The Gunnison station is still being run by the USGS. We probably won't make the first storage priority.

Ray Owens noted that the snow pack looks better. Otter Creek Reservoir is about 5,000 a.f. lower than last year. Piute will run about 250-300 cfs through the month to release storage to Sevier Bridge Reservoir. He encouraged those present to use the sevierriver.org web site. The snow pack is at 103% as of this morning.

Clyde Bunker reported on the current repairs to Sevier Bridge Reservoir. The reservoir was drained last year to install a new guard gate on the upstream portion of the outlet tunnel. That part is done and the reservoir is storing water. We are now replacing the regulating gates and putting in a new section of tunnel floor.

Kurt Sorenson noted that Piute Reservoir may have phase II & III done, which is the downstream drainage and new emergency spillway. This will depend on funding availability from the Division of Water Resources

Wayne Ballard talked about Salt Cedar and the problems it is causing. He encouraged the board to take action to get rid of it.

President Cowley held elections to fill the expired terms of Afton Blood, Russell Christensen, Kurt Sorenson and Blaine Ipson whose terms had expired. Wayne Ballard moved that all rules and regulations to the contrary be suspended and that Mr. Blood, Mr. Christensen, Mr. Sorenson and Mr. Ipson be appointed as directors by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Steve Childs and passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Delin Roundy moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded by Russell Christensen and passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

Secretary

President